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CITY OF GLENDALE ANNOUNCES NEW CITY MANAGER

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale City Council has officially approved the appointment of Brenda Fischer to the city's top executive position of city manager.

Since 2011, Fischer has managed the city of Maricopa and has worked in city government in Arizona, Nevada and California for the past 18 years. Highlights from her management background include public administration, public finance, human resources, intergovernmental relations, economic development, strategic planning, labor relations and public information.

"This is an absolute honor and amazing opportunity to be selected for this position in the city of Glendale," said Fischer. "I'm looking forward to leading the city and working with the mayor, council, city staff, residents and businesses to carry out the council's vision and continue to make Glendale one of the leading communities in the Valley and the state."

Under Fischer's leadership, she oversaw the entire business plan for the city of Maricopa to construct a new city hall, police station, two fire stations, 120 acre regional park and a 52,000 square foot multi-generational and aquatic center. She also implemented Maricopa's first-ever mid-year budget forecast, the city's first business incubator program and zoning code updates to enhance economic development.

"We're excited that we can now move forward with a new city manager who can take Glendale in a direction that will make our city even more successful," said Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers.

Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack added, "We look forward to working with Ms. Fischer and believe she will bring new leadership for a new era in Glendale."

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Prior to joining the city of Maricopa, Fischer was a Deputy City Manager in Glendora, California and spent 15 years in management positions in southern Nevada working for the cities of Henderson and North Las Vegas. Fischer is a credentialed city manager from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and a member of the Arizona City/County Management Association. She has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a bachelor's in journalism/public relations with a sports information emphasis from the University of Southern California.

Fischer becomes Glendale's first female city manager and the only currently-seated female city manager of the major cities in the Valley. She competed with more than 40 other candidates to earn the top position in Glendale. She will officially begin work with Glendale on July 22.

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